(c) The policy regarding daily paid workers|casual labourers in Central Government Oyces is governed by the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel from time to time. As regards casual labour in Departmental undertakings, the Ministry of Labour had, in 1971, issued a set of model standing orders expected to be adopted by various departmental undertakings. These model standing orders *inter-alia* provide for regularisation of casual labour.

Basic amenities to the slum dwellers in Delhi

1340. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of slum dwellers in Delhi as per the records of Delhi Administration; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take for providing basic amenities to the slum dwellers?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) No survey of the total slum population in Delhi has been done. However, according to Town and Country Planning Organisation, the slum population in Delhi in the year 1990 is estimated to be around 32.08 lakhs. The following minimum basic amenities under the schemes of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums and Environmental Improvement of Jhuggi Jhonparis are already being provided :—

(i) Drinking water,

(ii) Street light,

(iii) 'Pay and use' toilets and baths,

(iv) paved pathways in streets,

(v) Drainage and

(vi) Garbage bins.

Inauguration of railway divisional office at Nanded, Maharashtra

1341. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former Railway Minister had inaugurated the Railway Divisional office at Nanded in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) by when the Railway Division on the lines of South Central Railways at Nanded will be completed and by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. The foundation stone for the Divisional Office building at Nanded was laid by Shri S. B. Chavan, former Union Finance Minister on 20th May, 1989.

(b) Land to be acquired has been jointly impected with State Government authorities. The modalities of acquisition are under finalisation with the State Government.

(c) The nucleus Divisional office will start functioning a year after the land is handed over to the railways.

Outstanding dues against various hotels in Delhi

1342. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Le Meridian, Bharat Hotels and Skippers construction company's in Delhi are required to pay crores of Rupees to the Civic bodies of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the owners of these organisations?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) (i) A sum of Rs. 13.14 crores approximately is outstanding against Meridien Hotel on account of licence fee and interest with moratorium granted by the NDMC. The licence to Meriden Hotel has been concelled on 6-3-90. The NDMC has initiated eviction proceedings against the hotel.

(ii) M/s. Bharat Hotel has been making payment of their outstanding dues in instalments in accordance with the supplementary agreement executed with NDMC. However, a fresh demand for a sum of Rs. 7 crores approximately has been raised against the said Hotel on account of interest charges.

(iii) The Skippers Construction Company do not owe any dues to the Civic Bodies of Delhi.

Settlement of employees' provident fund accounts

1343. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the timegenerally taken by the office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioners in making full and final settlement of Provident Fund of Emloyees' Provident Fund Accounts after receipt of prescribed proformas;

(b) the number of such cases received in the office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (West Bengal) Calcutta during the month of January, 1990; and

(c) the names of those whose cases have not been cleared till date and by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) According to the existing instructions, efforts should be made to ensure settlement of all the claims which are found to be complete in all respects, within a period of 20 days from the date of their receipt.

(b) and (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Emigration of nurses and para-medical personnels

1344. SHR S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Nurses and other para-medical personnels have been working in the USA and in various European and Gulf countries in large number;

(b) whether there is any mechanism for monitoring the emigration of the nurses from India, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the country-wise details of the Indian nurses presently serving abroad; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to channelise the emigration of nurses and para-medical personnels exclusively through Government agency for protecting their interests as also to draw the benefits of 'service exports'?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, though details in this regard are not maintained, since nurses possessing qualifications recognised under Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 do not require emigration clearance.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(d) There is no such proposal.